

Amendments to the Specification:

Amend paragraph [0035] as follows:

Figure 4 shows the position of the valve parts of the piston according to Figure 3 during an inward travel movement, after the stroke of the piston has taken it away from the normal position, but the piston ring 11 on the piston 5 is still inside the bypass groove 49. The nonreturn valve 57 is open, and the sealing sleeve 43 is no longer in contact with the valve disk 21. The spring 71 is completely relaxed. The sealing sleeve 43 can be connected to the spring 71 in any desired way, or it can be held in position by the frictional force between the sealing sleeve seal 47 and the cylinder ~~[[1]]~~ 33. As a result, a flow route via the bypass groove 49 is now available. The additive effect of the pressure-actuated surface 53 is not available. The damping force characteristic at the moment in question consists of the components of the damping effect of the bypass groove 49 and that of the first pressure-actuated surface 39. During this movement of the piston, the sealing sleeve 41 is pushed together with the piston 5 against the force of the spring 69.